

Coos Bay Times

MEMBER OF ASSOCIATED PRESS

VOL. XXXV

Established in 1878 as The Coast Mail

MARSHFIELD, OREGON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1911—EVENING EDITION, SIX PAGES.

A Consolidation of Times, Coast Mail and Coos Bay Advertiser.

No. 124

CONTRACTS LET FOR BUILDING SUMNER LINES TO COOS BAY

McArthur-Perks Company Will Build 114 Miles of Road From Eugene.

ESTIMATE TOTAL COST TO BE ABOUT \$5,000,000

Expect to Have Trains Running in Here Over Road Within Two Years.

BONDS SELL WELL.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, England, Dec. 8.—The subscription list to the Oregon-Washington Railroad bonds of which a total of five million dollars at the rate of four per cent was offered today closed shortly after the opening. The bonds were over subscribed.

(Special to The Times) EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 8.—Officials of the Pacific Great Western Railway today made public the news that the contracts for the line from Eugene to the coast had been let to McArthur, Perk and Co., Limited, and that construction will be begun immediately and rushed through to early completion.

McArthur, Perk and Co. were also awarded the contract by the Pacific Coast Railway company to build a line from the Siuslaw River to Coos Bay.

Ralph Hunt, chief engineer of the Pac. Grt. Wstrn., said last night that trains probably will be running over the new line in less than two years. Officials of the company decline to state what interests are backing the road, but from the prominence of the contractors there is little doubt that its financial backing is ample.

Start Work Soon. It is announced that the construction work is to begin as soon as the machinery and men can be rushed here and placed at convenient points along the right of way.

The contracts call for the construction of 114 miles of road and the expenditure will be in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000. The chief engineer of the Pacific Great Western, R. B. Hunt, stated that he expected to have trains running on the new line inside of two years.

THINK HILL IS BEHIND LINES

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDED OF CONTRACT FOR SUMNER-COOS BAY PROJECTS CAUSES STIR HERE.

The announcement that the contracts had been awarded for the construction of the Sumner lines from Eugene to Coos Bay came as a decided surprise and a happy one to Coos Bay.

For some time, there have been rumors that there would be something doing on the Sumner projects very quickly and after the announcement that there was every indication that the Hill system was backing the Sumner projects, many have expected the announcement of the awarding of the contracts any day.

No one on Coos Bay has any official knowledge of the "inside workings" of the project but that the master hand of J. J. Hill is behind the confident belief of many. "It will be another Deschutes race," remarked one Coos Bay man. "I wouldn't be surprised to see the company enter an agreement for the joint use of the line, the same as in the Deschutes country. This would give both the Hill and the Harriman lines access here and would reduce the expense of building one line and incidentally it would mean the completion of the road at an earlier date."

Engineer Sumner is supposed to be at Gardiner with his surveying crews. Vice-president Sumner is supposed to be in Portland.

The right-of-way condemnation suits started by the Sumner lines against North Inlet property owners and to force right-of-way across Southern Pacific properties will probably not come up for hearing at this time of court. Motions regarding some of them were argued before Judge Coke this week but the cases themselves will come up later. The motions required the Sumner people to give more specific descriptions of the property desired.

RYAN MAY BE WITNESS NOW

President of McNamaras' Union Did Not Join in Censuring Them For Act.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 8.—Members of the District Attorney's office here are discussing today the fact that F. M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, did not sign the statement of committee of the American Federation Labor made yesterday in Washington, denouncing the McNamaras. It was but one of a number of instances where the district attorney's office has manifested special interest in what Ryan says and does and where he goes. As head of the organization of which John J. McNamara was secretary and treasurer, it was said today, that it is not at all unlikely he would be subpoenaed to appear as a witness before the federal grand jury.

WILL CALL McNAMARAS

Will Have to Appear Before Federal Grand Jury Anyday. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—Informally it was said today that no change has been made by the United States district attorney in his plan to call the McNamaras before the federal grand jury. The brothers have said they would not testify to anything, but the theory seemed to be that it will do no harm to ask them a few questions and establish a record.

CALL BUSINESS AGENT

Walking Delegate Subpoenaed for Los Angeles Investigation (From Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—E. A. Clancey, former business agent of the local Structural Iron Workers Union received a telegraphic subpoena to appear before the federal grand jury at Los Angeles.

It is doubtful if Clancey can make the trip to Los Angeles at this time as he is seriously ill at his home here of heart trouble. The Los Angeles grand jury which indicted the McNamaras failed in their efforts to secure Clancey's presence during that investigation.

PACKERS' TRIAL DELAY.

Right of Pre-emptory Challenges Not Yet Exercised. (By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 8.—Although twelve men were in the jury box to hear the case against the indicted packers, the exercise of pre-emptory challenges by both sides is expected to prolong for some time the securing of a trial jury.

DENIES ANY CLASH.

President of McNamaras' Union Talks About Statement. (By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 8.—Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, who arrived in this city today from Washington, denied that there was any truth in the reports of friction between Gompers and other officials of the American Federation of Labor and himself. Asked why he had not signed the statement issued by the Federation of Labor officials in the denunciation of the McNamaras, after the conference in Washington yesterday, Ryan replied: "I took very little part in the conference because of other business. I will not add to my first statements in regard to the outcome of the McNamara cases. I have nothing more to say."

"Will you call a meeting of the executive board to consider the attitude of the association toward the McNamaras?"

"I don't know."

"Did you, as president, know anything of the details of the expenditures by John J. McNamara as secretary of the fund of \$1,000 per month, appropriated for organization purposes and which there was no accounting?"

"That is a matter that will take care of itself."

DUCKS and CHICKENS and DUCKS at STAUFF'S GROCERY.

OVER 150 WORKMEN FALL TO DEATH

Railroad Bridge Across Volga River in Russia Collapses With Terrific Loss of Life.

By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia, Dec. 8.

—Between 150 and 200 workmen were today plunged into the Volga river through the collapse of a railroad bridge near Kazan. The bridge which was in course of construction, was carried away by the pressure of ice. Comparatively few bodies were recovered this evening.

WATERWAYS TO BE IMPROVED

National Rivers and Harbors Congress Closes Annual Session Today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—The National Rivers and Harbors Congress closed its eighth annual convention here today. Resolutions urging the adoption of a brand, liberal, systematic policy of waterway improvement were presented to Taft, Sherman and Speaker Clarke. Senator Newlands said apathy and lack of initiative on the part of congress were the causes of a spread of the demand for initiative and referendum and recall. The claim of the city of Spokane to be the next convention city was presented by Senator Poin-dexter.

The offices of the Congress will be removed from Cincinnati to Washington and it is probable this city will be made the permanent meeting place.

SELLS OUT TO S. P. COMPANY

Lane County Asset Company Transfers Right of Way For Coos Bay Line.

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 8.—The Guard says: "The Lane County Asset company has transferred its interest in the 30-acre tract at Powell's pass, which it has held for the past two years, to the Southern Pacific company, thus giving the latter a continuous stretch of right-of-way between Eugene and the tunnel site 23 miles west of the city."

J. L. Buell held a meeting with the Asset company and final arrangements for the transfer of the property were made at that time. The Southern Pacific company will take immediate possession of the property and it is highly probable that grading work will begin there in a few days, as the wet weather will not interfere because the ground is high and has good drainage. At the time Twohy Brothers took the contract for the construction of the first 23 miles of the Coos Bay road, they expressed a desire to begin grading at that point, and now that the company has secured the property, the contractors will doubtless go right to work there.

There will be a big cut through the pass, the Southern Pacific grade being seven feet lower than the Asset company's grade, which means that a cut over twice as deep as was made by the Asset company will be necessary. The Southern Pacific survey crosses the grade built by the Asset company at about the summit of the pass at a "scissors" angle. The Asset company's grade extends due east and west while the survey of the S. P. company extends in a slightly southwesterly direction at that point.

Mr. Buell has been working hard to get this piece of property for several months past and is naturally delighted at his success. He has done excellent work for his company in securing the right-of-way for the new road and has always treated the owners of property through which the road will be built fairly and squarely, in each instance paying a good price for the land, in many cases paying much more than it was worth in order that there might be no difficulty in securing the right-of-way.

The members of the Lane County Asset have only words of praise for Mr. Buell and express themselves that he has dealt with them honorably and above board. The company in transferring its land to the Southern Pacific company does so with the idea of assisting as far as possible in the enterprise, as the Harriman people have shown good faith, and have actually demonstrated that their intentions to build a road to the coast are genuine.

Send Out Material. A big car loaded with eight dump (Continued on page 6.)

STRIKE GUARD KILLED TODAY

Two Others Seriously Wounded in Illinois Central Yards at Memphis.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 8.—Victor C. Renner, an Illinois Central Railroad guard, was shot and instantly killed near the Nonconah yards today while riding on the running board of a switch engine and Captain G. W. Dillaway a deputy federal marshal, and Charles McCalman, another guard, were shot and seriously injured. The guards were called to the railroad yards to suppress reported rioting. As they approached the yard, they were fired upon. They returned the fire but missed the assailants, and they escaped. There was no rioting in progress and an investigation is being made to ascertain who sent the decoy message. The strike of the road's shopmen is still under way.

GRAND JURY IS BUSY ON PROBE

MANY WITNESSES CALLED IN DYNAMITE CONSPIRACY INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES—McMANIGAL TELLS THEM WHAT HE KNOWS.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 8.—The federal grand jury inquiring in the alleged dynamite conspiracy today interrogated John Cruickshank, district passenger agent of the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad. Many other railroad men probably will be called as witnesses. "We can trace every railroad ticket bought," was the declaration of a state official in connection with the McNamara trial, just ended.

Orlie E. McManigal went before the grand jury again today but it is believed to have completed his testimony just before the noon adjournment. William Andre, one of the sworn jurors in the McNamara case, was called at the office of District Attorney Fredericks today and was closeted with him for some time. He refused to talk about the visit, as did Fredericks.

PREACHES ON NOTED TRIAL.

"The McNamaras and their crime" will be the topic which Rev. G. Le Roy Hall will discuss at the First Baptist church next Sunday evening. The meeting time for this address is 7:30 p. m.

WILL HASTEN HARBOR WORK

Conference Between C. A. Smith and Local Business Makes Plans For It.

At a meeting of C. A. Smith and some of the leading business men yesterday at the C. A. Smith company's offices, steps were taken to hasten the further improvement of the Coos Bay bar and harbor. As a result, a committee will probably go to Portland on the Breakwater tomorrow to take the matter up with Major Morrow, in charge of the United States engineer's in this district. Major Morrow wired that he would be pleased to meet a committee from the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce at his office in Portland next Monday afternoon.

The consensus of opinion was that the committee should urge the restoration of the North Jetty and also the extension of the improvement in the inner harbor. The present government project for the inner harbor calls for a channel eighteen feet deep and two hundred feet wide and it is proposed to have this extended for (Continued on page 6.)

MAINE DISASTER WAS DUE TO EXPLOSION ON THE OUTSIDE

TO PLANK ROAD TO NORTH BEND

Plan to Have County Improve Highway North From Ferndale at Once.

F. E. Hague and C. S. Winsor have practically arranged with the Coos county commissioners whereby the county will plank the old wagon road between Marshfield and North Bend. The work has been in a general way arranged for and it is hoped to get it started soon and completed so as to make the highway available for travel this winter.

Judge Hall when approached on the matter, said that he would try to arrange for it if the planking could be secured at an expense not to exceed \$5 per thousand. Messrs. Hague and Winsor then conferred with the Simpson Lumber company and they agreed to furnish the planking for \$8 per thousand.

It is estimated that it will require about a mile and a half of planking to connect the planking on the North Bend road district, just beyond Kittyville, with the improved streets in Marshfield near Ferndale.

Mr. Hague says that with this piece of road, which is now almost impassable on account of the mud, improved there will be a fine winter road to a point beyond Empire.

Oppose Special Levies.

Judge Hall reports that the Coos County Tax Association through its secretary, W. J. Conrad, has filed a general protest with the Coos county commissioners against all special road district levies for road work for the coming year. Whether the association proposes to go ahead and fight these levies in the courts, he does not know.

The commissioners met at Coquille this week and discussed the various new road projects which are to be taken up next week. Nothing definite was done.

Go to Portland.

The commissioners arranged to attend the Oregon Good Roads convention which will be held in Portland next Tuesday. All three commissioners, Hall, Dement and Armstrong will go. It was decided they go and return overland and thus inspect the roads while en route. They plan to go out via Myrtle Point and return via the old Coos Bay Wagon road or vice-versa.

RECLAIM SWAMP LAND

National Association is Formed for That Purpose (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—A national Drainage Reclamation Congress designed to seek the reclamation of swamp lands in the Mississippi Valley and elsewhere in the United States was organized temporarily today. It will work independently of the National Irrigation congress but will be affiliated with it.

ELECT SCHOOL DIRECTOR SOON

Special Election Called For Monday, Dec. 18—Will Also Fix Tax Levy.

The Marshfield school board has called a meeting for Monday evening, December 18, at 7:30, for the purpose of fixing the tax levy for the ensuing year and also for the election of a director to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of J. C. Mills to San Francisco. The meeting will be held at the Central School building.

It is expected that the levy will be the same as the present year, ten or eleven mills.

The term of Mr. Mills as director will expire in June, 1914, so that the director elected to succeed him will serve until then. The other directors are Dr. J. T. McCormac and M. C. Horton.

WE SERVE the best coffee on earth at the Baltimore Lunch.

WATCH GOING & HARVEY'S STORE FOR TOYS.

WANT ADVERTISING in The TIMES Will Keep the Income from Your Furnished Rooms from Lapsing! YOU can really help the family revenues by renting a few furnished rooms—and, if you know how and when to use the classified columns, you may keep that little extra income as "steady as a clock."

Wrecking of Battleship That Caused Spanish-American War Explained.

U. S. NAVY DEPARTMENT ISSUES STATEMENT TODAY

Army and Navy Investigation Board Makes Report of Findings in Case.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—The battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor by an explosion from the outside. This is the gist of a short statement issued by the Naval Department today based on the findings made by the joint Army and Navy board which spent several months in the Havana Harbor investigating the wreck.

The statement follows: "The board found that the injuries to the bottom of the Maine caused by an explosion of a charge of a low form of explosives in the exterior of the ship between frames 28 and 31, port side. This resulted in igniting and exploding the contents of the six inch reserve magazine A-144M, said contents including a large quantity of black powder. The more or less sudden explosion of the contents of remaining forward magazine followed. The magazine explosion resulted in the destruction of the vessel."

This is the first official statement of the cause of the disaster which resulted in the Spanish-American war. At the time, it was generally claimed that the Maine had been sunk by a submarine mine but not until the vessel was raised the past year could this be definitely determined.

WAR AGAINST TIPPING.

Hotel Workers Form Union to Get Wages Increased. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The campaign against "tipping" will be the chief work of the newly organized International Hotel Workers Union. The union's platform is "living wages for hotel workers," which would render tips unnecessary.

PASSES AWAY IN CALIFORNIA

J. M. Davis, Well-Known Coos Bay Pioneer, Succumbs Early Today.

J. B. Davis today received a telegram announcing the death of his father, J. M. Davis, a well known Coos Bay pioneer, at Santa Anna, early this morning. He had been ailing for some time but it was not known here that his condition was critical and the news of his death came as a shock to the friends and relatives.

Mr. Davis was one of the oldest living residents of Coos Bay. He came here in the early 50's, about the time that Glen Aiken, B. F. Ross and other well-known pioneers came. He was here when Mrs. Esther M. Lockhart arrived in 1853 and was then residing on a ranch on Coos River.

Mr. Davis was seventy-nine years and twenty-three days old. On his arrival on Coos Bay over fifty years ago, he located on his ranch on Coos River where he remained until the death of his wife, about fourteen years ago. Since then, he divided his time between Marshfield and California.

Besides his son, Buford Davis here, he is survived by several stepdaughters, they being Mrs. W. B. Curtis, Mrs. Emma Nasburg Mrs. John W. Hirst, Mrs. M. C. Cordy and Mrs. Alice Richardson.

Mr. Davis is very well known to the older residents of the Bay. His last visit here was about a year ago. His death will be sincerely regretted by those who knew him.

The body will be brought here for burial but no plans have been made for the funeral.

FAMOUS SINGER DYING

Noted Basso Eduardo De Reszko fatallly ill in Paris (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—According to advices, Eduardo De Reszko, the famous basso is dying in Paris of heart trouble.

WATCH GOING & HARVEY'S STORE FOR TOYS.